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December 17, 2002

Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
P.O. Box 94275, Capitol Station
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9275

RE: Application Notice
Karstien Sand, Reservoir D
College Point-St. James Field
St. James Parish, Louisiana

Dear Sir:

Linder Oil Company, A Partnership ("Applicant") hereby makes application to the Commissioner of Conservation for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters relating the Karstien Sand, Reservoir D, in the College Point - St. James Field, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

1. To establish rules and regulations governing the exploration for and production of gas and condensate.
2. To create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate.
3. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
4. To designate a unit operator and a unit well for the unit so created.
5. To provide that any future replacement or alternate unit wells drilled to the Karstien Sand, Reservoir D, should be exempt from the spacing provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-E.
6. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir change and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
7. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The Karstien Sand, Reservoir D is hereby defined as being that gas and condensate bearing sand encountered between the depths of 10,529 feet and 10,538 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Linder Oil Company, A Partnership (Humble) - E. A. Karstien No. 1 (Gas Unit 4 No. 2) well (WSN 72247), located in Section 7, Township 12 South, Range 16 East, St. James Parish, Louisiana.

A timely request for the conference tentatively scheduled in the pre-application notice dated December 4, 2002 was not received and therefore the conference will not be held.

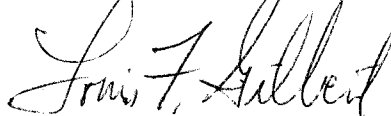
All pertinent data relating to the subject application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 N. Causeway Blvd., Suite 204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002. Any person wishing to inspect such data should contact the undersigned at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such pertinent data that is not otherwise available from the Office of Conservation can be obtained at the expense of the requesting party.

The Applicant will provide for posting a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and a copy of the enclosed plat at a prominent place in the area affected by this application and will cause the publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of the College Point-St. James Field. Furthermore, a copy of the Legal Notice will be mailed to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is attached hereto and made a part hereof, a plat outlining the proposed unit and a list of names and addresses of the Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties to whom this notice is being sent. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of Parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation. The aforementioned list is available upon request to any Interested Party. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Parties, Interested Owners and Represented Parties as required by the Revised Rules of Procedure.

There is enclosed herewith on behalf of the Applicant a check made payable to the Office of Conservation, representing the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.



Louis F. Gilbert

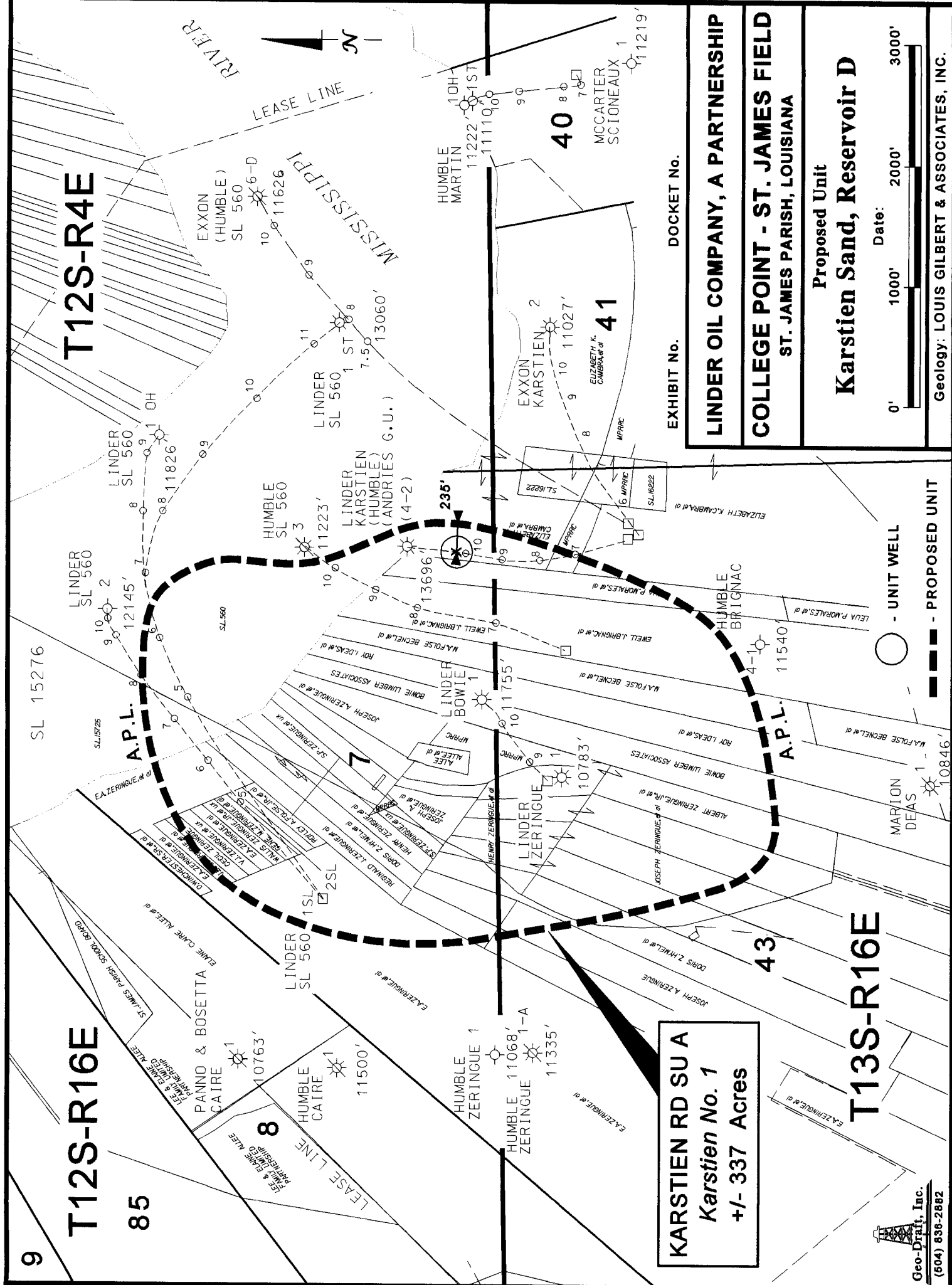
cc: Mr. Richard Hudson (w/enclosures)
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Mr. Miles Biggs
Linder Oil Company, A Partnership

Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties (w/plat)

T12S-R16E

T12S-R4E



KARSTIEN RD SU A
Karstien No. 1
+/- 337 Acres

T13S-R16E

Proposed Unit

Karstien Sand, Reservoir D

Date: _____

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